

Interviews

Agenda Item #	2
Meeting Date	July 11, 2005
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Discussion Item	Interview of Applicant for Ward 2 City Council Seat - Juan Luis Torres
Background	<p>Councilmember Heather Mizeur announced that she will resign from the Council, effective July 19, 2005, because she will be moving out of Ward 2. Since the vacancy will occur less than 240 days before the November 8 election, Council may appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. The appointment must be made within 60 days of the occurrence of the vacancy (by September 19).</p> <p>At the Council meeting on June 20, Council directed staff to advertise the vacancy and invite qualified applicants to apply. A notice was placed in the City Newsletter and on the City's Web Page. Interviews are scheduled for July 11 and July 18. The deadline for applications is 12:00 noon on Friday, July 15. Council is scheduled to make their decision following the interviews on July 18.</p> <p>Sat Jiwan Khalsa was interviewed on July 5. Juan Luis Torres has applied and is scheduled to be interviewed on July 11. To date, applications have also been received from Marie J. Ritzo and Cynthia Terrell. They are scheduled to be interviewed on July 18.</p>
Policy	<p>City Charter, Section 308 Vacancies on the Council</p> <p>(a) Method of Filling Vacancies. Should a vacancy on the Council occur more than two hundred and forty (240) days before the next regularly scheduled City election, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy. If the vacancy occurs less than two hundred and forty (240) days before the next regularly scheduled City election, the remaining members of the Council by a majority vote shall, within sixty (60) days, appoint a person who is qualified in accordance with Section 302 or Section 304, as applicable, to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.</p> <p>City Charter, Section 304 Qualifications and Salary of the Councilmembers</p> <p>(a) The Councilmembers shall have resided in the City (and ward from which they are elected) for at least six (6) months immediately preceding their election and shall be qualified voters of the City. The Councilmembers shall maintain their principal residence in the City and in their ward during their term of office. If a Councilmember changes his/her principal residence from the City or from the ward from which the Councilmember was elected, the Councilmember's term shall be immediately terminated and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 308 of this Charter. The Councilmembers are prohibited from holding other publicly elected offices during their term of office, and are prohibited from serving on any City board, commission, or other body that has authority to adjudicate or</p>

	otherwise resolve disputes.
Fiscal Impact	None at this time.
Attachments	Letters and Resume from Juan Luis Torres
Recommendation	Council to interview applicant.
Special Consideration	

Dear Madam,

My name is Juan Luis Torres a homeowner living at 900 Elm Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland since 1987. My house is within the boundaries of Ward 2. This electronic correspondence is to be evaluated by all interested and significant individuals as my interest in being appointed to the Ward 2 council vacancy. My resume will be forthcoming at a later date but prior to deadline.

Please let me know if this correspondence satisfies the demanded application procedures and/or if further actions need to be taken.

Sincerely,

Juan Luis Torres
301-270-2035 house
301-905-8400 cell